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THE RAVELINGS 1948

*Published by the Senior Class
of Chester High School
North Manchester, Indiana*



Chester Victory March

Cheer Cheer for Chester High School
Cheer for the honor marking her school
Hail the colors — Blue and White
Sing out the valor of her might
What though the odds be great or small
Dear Chester High School will conquer all
While her loyal sons are fighting
Onward to victory Rah! Rah! Rah!



We are pleased to dedicate the 1948 Chester
High Ravelings to the universal language of
all races, the song of the birds, the happiness
of man's sorrow, to the very language of na-
ture itself.

MUSIC





*The Directors
Faculty*



*The Woodwinds
Classes*

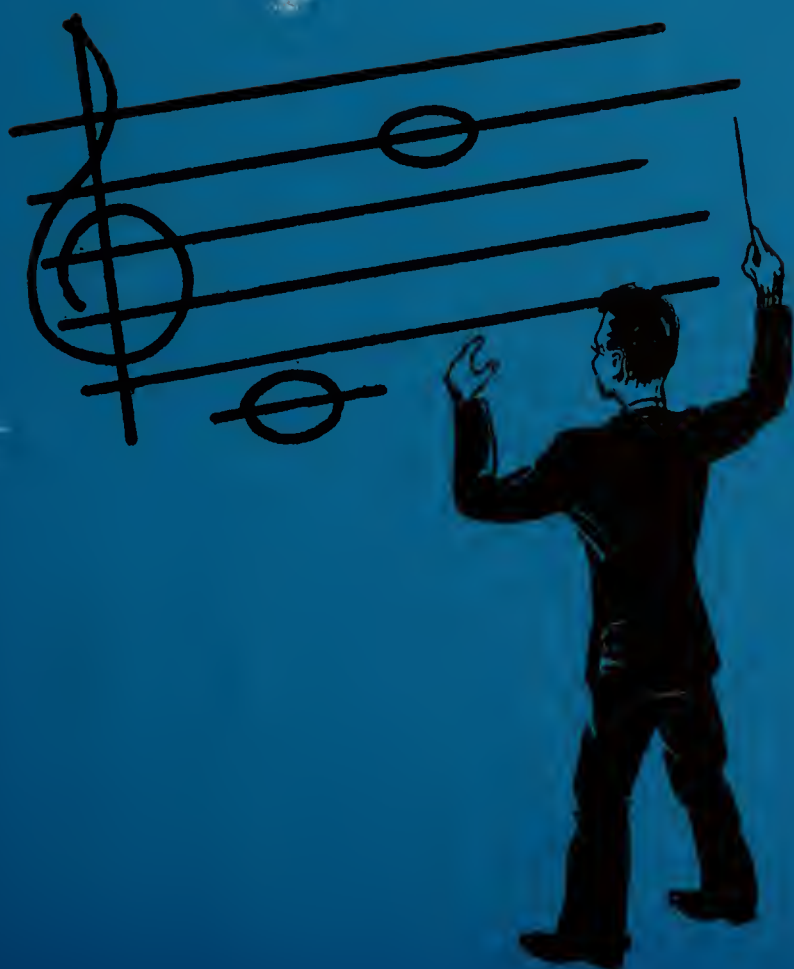


*The Brasses
Activities*



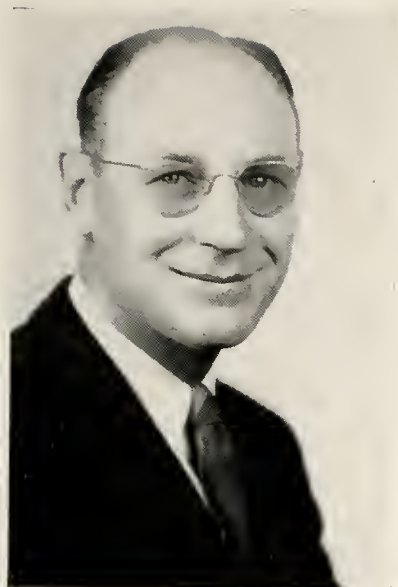
*The Percussion
Sports*

FACULTY





F A C U L T Y



MR. JASON J. SMITH
Principal

Mr. Smith received the Bachelor of Science Degree from Ball State and the Master's Degree from Indiana University. He teaches government to the seniors and is co-sponsor of the class and co-sponsor of Ravelings. His goal is "a continuously improving Chester."



MR. KARL L. ULMER
Trustee

"That which is needed to keep our schools ever progressing must be obtained," is the feeling of Mr. Ulmer, who is starting his second year as trustee. With such a worthy goal on his part, certainly if we do our part, we can ever be proud of Chester.

MR. C. L. VANDEGRIFT
County Superintendent of Schools

Mr. Vandegrift has completed eleven years as County Superintendent of Schools. He received the Bachelor's Degree from Manchester College and the Master's Degree from Ball State. He feels that Chester is one of the outstanding rural high schools of the state.





JOHN I. SEARER

Manchester College, A. B.
Goshen College
History, Mathematics



CECIL SCRIBNER

State Teachers College
River Falls, Wis., B. A. E.
Purdue Intensive Units
Vocational Agriculture
General Science



IDA ESHELMAN

Manchester College, A. B.
English



PAUL FAUDREE

Manchester College
History, Health and Safety
Mathematics
Baseball and Track Coach



BETTY GONGWER

Manchester College, A. B.
English

LEE WEIMER

Manchester College, B. S.
Ball State, M. S.
Mathematics



LEAH STONE

Manchester College, B. S.
Ball State Teachers College
Special Smith-Hughes License
Home Economics, Health and
Safety



GALE E. METZGER

Manchester College, A. B.
Social Studies, Latin, Health



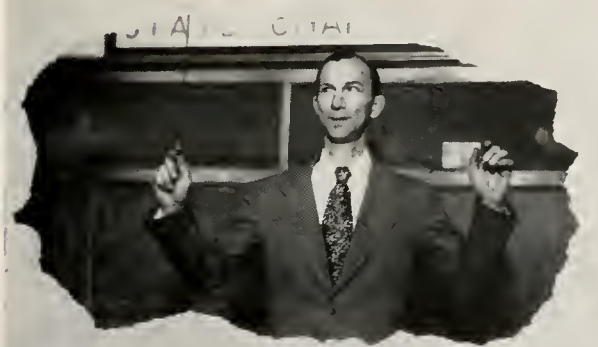
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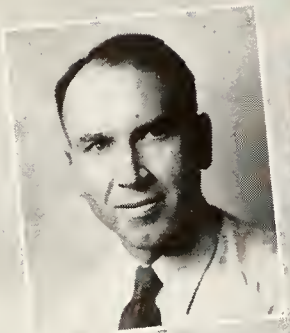
Manchester College, A. B.
Commerce



HAROLD LECKRONE

Manchester College, B. S.
Music, Instrumental



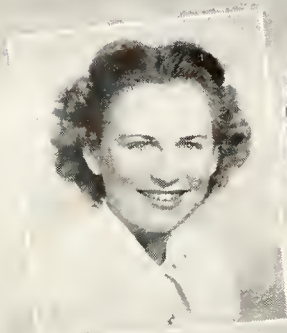


GEROLD FAUDREE

Manchester College, A. B.

Science

Basketball Coach



NELL VON EHR

Manchester College, B. S.

Music, Vocal



SARA MERTZ ALLEN

Manchester College, B. P. S. M.

John Herron Art Institute

The Art Institute of Chicago

Art

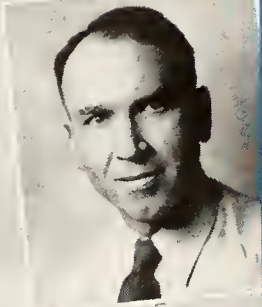


MAXINE YENTES

School Clerk

CLASSES







DON BRINDEL

President

RICHARD HAPNER

Vice-President

HELEN FRANTZ

Secretary

WANDA PENROD

Treasurer

CLASSES

Seniors

It all started in '44. A bunch of greenhorns, if there were ever any, started off with a bang. We elected officers—that is, the boys did. It turned out that Harmon Gradeless was president; Herbert Werking was vice-president; Jean Clark was secretary; and Rex Schilling was treasurer. The sponsors were Miss Eshelman and Mr. Merkle. There were forty-three of us then and we had two parties to remember.

It seems we all passed or were boosted into our sophomore year. Again we elected officers. Though we had only thirty-seven members, we found these able leaders: Bob Little, president; Roger Grossnickle, vice-president; Don Hyde, secretary; and Jean Clark, treasurer. Miss Stone and Mr. Scribner were stuck with the job of sponsoring. Right away a hay ride was enjoyed by all and later we had a skating party. In '46, thirty-eight juniors came back and kept things buzzing. This year Dick Frantz took over the chief executive chair; Roger Grossnickle was vice-president; Helen Frantz was secretary and Rex Schilling was treasurer. Miss Eshelman and Mr. Gerold Faudree were our sponsors. Since this was the money-making year, the juniors had a play, "The Sunshine Twins," directed by Miss Eshelman. It was a howling success and a good profit was realized. We had the "Reception" on May 2 at the YMCA at Fort Wayne. Everyone was pleased with it. We also sold refreshments at the ball games to help raise funds for the senior trip.

Thirty-six seniors enrolled in '47. There were just too many teachers for them though. They just had to settle down in order to win exemptions from final exams. Rough, but worth it. The officers in the graduating class are: Don Brindel, president; Richard Hapner, vice-president; Helen Frantz, secretary; and Wanda Mae Penrod, treasurer. Our sponsors are Miss Eshelman and Mr. Smith. We had a play, "Grandad Steps Out." It set a new record for income. Miss Eshelman knows her stuff about directing. We also sold magazines for trip money in '48 to Washington, D. C. Then after 12 years hard labor that piece of paper that changes our lives will be received with relief, joy, happiness and yet sorrow that we leave for good.

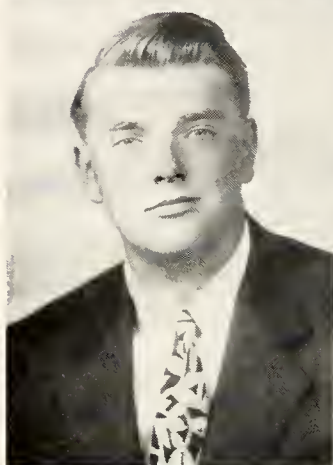
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AIRGOOD



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BECHTOLD



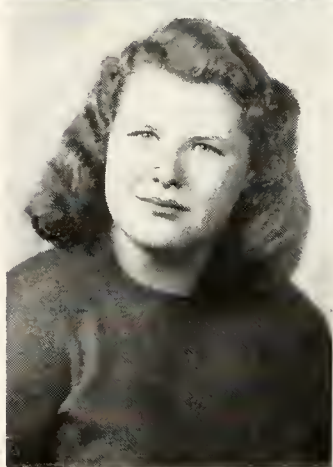
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CLARK



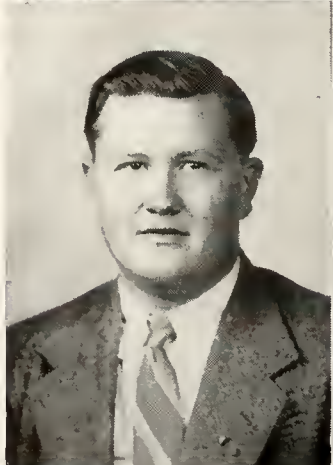
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MARY ALICE
COLBERT



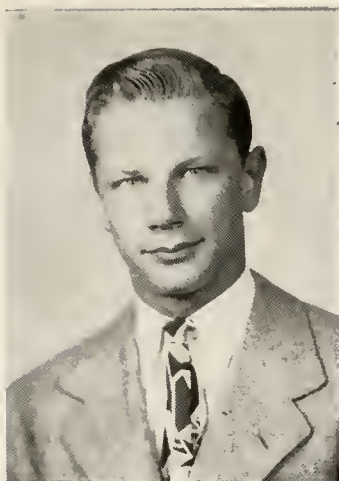
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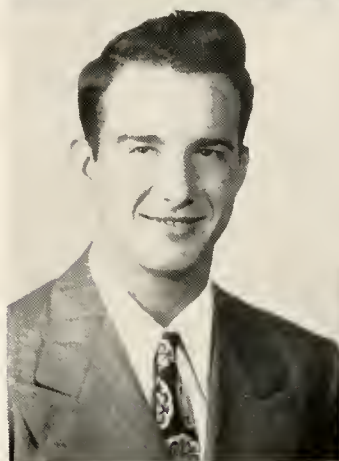
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FRANTZ



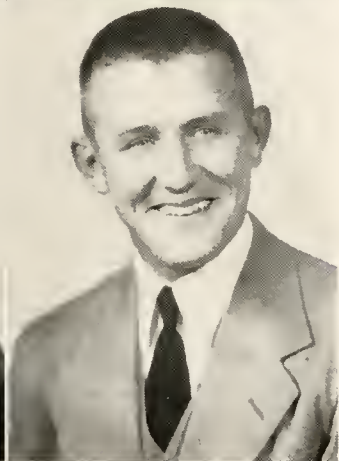
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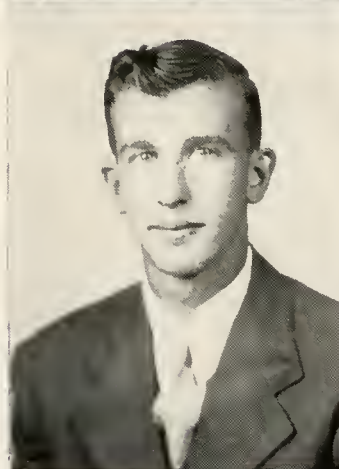
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GROSSNICKLE



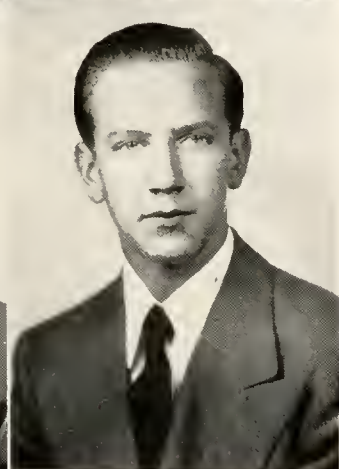
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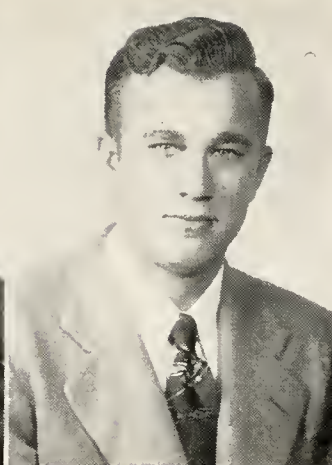
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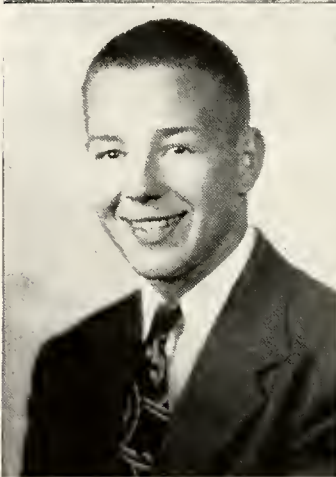
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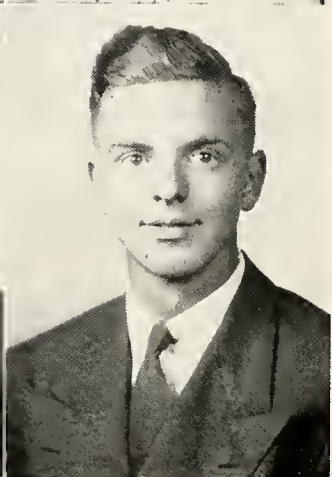
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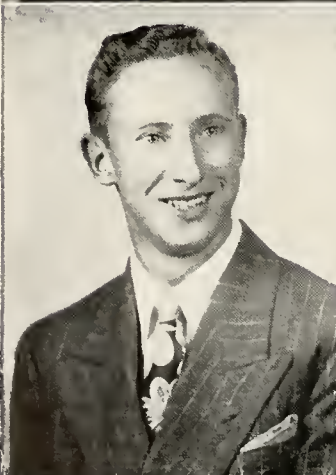
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PIPER



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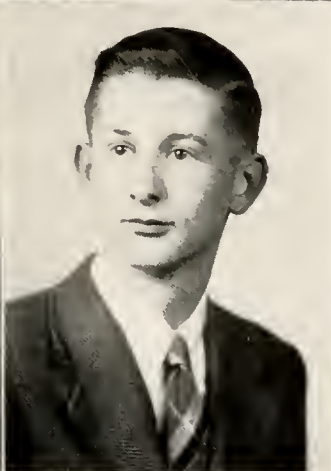
MARTHA
SMITH



LOIS
SWIHART



ROBERT
WALGAMUTH



ROZELLA
WILLIAMS



BONNIE JEAN
WINEBRENNER



Senior Class Directory

- GLADYS AIRGOOD *"A lass you can depend upon to make the A's"*
Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2; Annual Staff 4; Algebra Contest 1; Geometry Contest 2; Class Scholarship 2; Boys and Girls 4-H 1, 2, 3, 4.
- LIELA BECHTOLD *"A woman always has the last word."*
Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; "Sunshine Twins" 3; "Grandad Steps Out" 4; Y-Teens 1, 2, 3, 4; 4-H 1, 2, 3, 4, (Vice-President 2, President 3); Annual Staff 4.
- DONALD BRINDEL *"I like Work — I can sit and look at it for hours."*
Basketball 2, 3; Baseball 3; Annual Staff 4; Student Council 4 (President); Class President 4; Baseball Student Manager 4; Chester Chatter 4.
- ROBERT BURCH *"Give to me a farm, and I'll do the rest."*
Band 1, 2, 3, 4 (President 4); Hi-Y 1, 2, 3, 4; 4-H 1, 2, 3, 4 (President 4); F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4, (Vice President 3, Secretary 4); National Junior Vegetable Growers Contest 3, 4; Annual Staff 4; Livestock Judging 1, 2, 3, 4.
- JEAN CLARK *"A black haired lass with that far away look in her eyes."*
Chester Chatter 4; Annual Staff 4; Mixed Chorus 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; "Sunshine Twins" 3; "Grandad Steps Out" 4; Y-Teens 1, 2, 3, 4, (Vice President 3, President 4); Yell Leader 2, 3, 4.
- ETHEL COBLE *"The girl with a smile for everyone."*
Entered 3; Mixed Chorus 3, 4; Glee Club 3, 4; Y-Teens 3, 4; Annual Staff 4.
- MARY ALICE COLBERT *"With a song in her heart."*
Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Swing Band 4; Annual Staff 4; Solo Contest 2, 3, 4; Librarian 2, 4; Chester Chatter 4; Y-Teen 1, 2, 3, 4; 4-H 1.
- TED COON *"I came, I studied, I conquered."*
Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 1, 3, 4; Swing Band 3, 4; "Sunshine Twins" 3; "Grandad Steps Out" 4; Hi-Y 1, 2, 3, 4; Annual Staff.
- DOROTHY CRIPE *"I lived, I loved, and now I'm married."*
Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 2, 3, 4; Y-Teens 1, 2, 3, 4; "Sunshine Twins" 3; "Grandad Steps Out" 4; Chester Chatter; Yell Leader 3.
- HELEN FRANTZ *"Give to me a home and lots of children."*
Glee Club 1; "Sunshine Twins" 3; "Grandad Steps Out" 4; Class Scholarship 3; Class Secretary 2, 3, 4.
- RICHARD FRANTZ *"A man is what his aspirations and determinations are."*
Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 3; Annual Staff 4; Student Council 3; Class President 3; Hi-Y 1, 2, 3, 4 (President 4); Class Scholarship 1.
- DOLORES GRIST *"Quiet and unassuming, but if absent, would be missed."*
Mixed Chorus 2, 3, 4, (Secretary-Treasurer 3); Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4, (President 4); Librarian 4; Chester Chatter 4; Y-Teen 1, 2, 3, 4; 4-H 1, 2, 3, 4; Annual Staff 4.
- ROGER GROSSNICKLE *"Worry makes your hair gray, mine's coal black."*
Baseball 3; Annual Staff 4 (Assistant Editor); Student Manager 4; Hi-Y 1, 2, 3, 4; "Grandad Steps Out" 4.
- JUNE HANLEY *"If silence were golden; I'd be a millionaire."*
Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 3; Softball 4; Hi-Y 1, 2, 3, 4, (Vice-President 3); Annual Staff 4; Chester Chatter 4.
- RICHARD HAPNER *"I'm on the verge of a great career, won't somebody push me off?"*
Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Vice-President 4; Student Manager 4; Hi-Y 1, 2, 3, 4; Annual Staff 4.
- DON HYDE *"The lad who loves everyone; especially the girls."*
Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4, (Co-Captain 4); Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Annual Staff 4 (Editor); "Sunshine Twins" 3; Hi-Y 1, 2, 3, 4, (Treasurer 4); Class Secretary 2.
- ROBERT JOHNSON *"Everyone is as God made him and sometimes a great deal worse."*
Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 2, 3; Annual Staff 4; Chester Chatter 4; "Grandad Steps Out" 4; Mixed Chorus 4; Hi-Y 1, 2, 3.

ROBERT LITTLE *"Girls make a rich man poor; I'm broke all the time."*
Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 2, 3, 4; Track 2, 3, 4; "Sunshine Twins" 3; "Grandad Steps Out" 4; Mixed Chorus 4; Annual Staff 4 (Business Manager); Student Council 2; Class President 2; Chester Chatter 3; 4-H 1, 2, 3, 4, (Township President 4); F. F. A. 2, 3, 4, (President and District Treasurer 4); 4-H Judging Contest (County II, District I) 1, 2, 3, 4; H-Y 1, 2, 3, 4 (Secretary 4).

JEAN MEEK *"Shy until you know her."*
Glee Club 1; Chester Chatter 4; Annual Staff 4 (Prophecy Committee.)

ROBERT METZGER *"Always there to help share the work."*
F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4, (Secretary 4); Hi-Y 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1; Patrol Boy 1; Annual Staff.

JOHN MORFORD *"The more we study the more we discover our ignorance."*
Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3; Mixed Chorus 4 (Vice-President); "Sunshine Twins" 3; "Grandad Steps Out" 4; Hi-Y 1, 2, 3, 4; 4-H 1, 2, 3, 4; F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Annual Staff.

LOUISE ORR *"If there's a good time lacking, she'll make one."*
4-H 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 2, 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 2, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Annual Staff 4; State Fair School 4; Solo Contest 2.

WANDA PENROD *"Patriotic and a loyal worker."*
Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; "Grandad Steps Out" 4; Class Treasurer 4; Chester Chatter 4; Y-Teens 1, 2, 3, 4; D. A. R. Award 4; Algebra Contest 1; Clarinet Solo 3, 4; Annual Staff 4.

RICHARD PIPER *"Ob, for the chance to argue."*
Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; (Co-Captain 4); Baseball 1, 2, 3; Softball 4; Track 4; Chester Chatter 4; Hi-Y 1, 2, 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 4; Annual Staff.

EUGENE RITENOUR *"There when the fun begins."*
Entered 2; Chester Chatter 4; Annual Staff 4; Typing Contest Award 4,

HERMAN SCHANNAP *"Particular as a woman when it comes to neatness."*
Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Hi-Y 1, 2, 3, 4; Annual Staff 4.

REX SCHILLING *"Small in stature but big in heart."*
Hi-Y 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Treasurer 1, 3; Track 3, 4; "Sunshine Twins" 3; F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4, (Treasurer 4); 4-H 1, 2, 3, 4; Dairy Judging Team 1, 2, 3, 4; Annual Staff 4.

MARY LOU SCHNEPP *"A quiet lass who tries her best to keep out of mischief."*
Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 4; Librarian 3; Y-Teen 1, 2, 3, 4; Annual Staff 4.

PATRICIA SCHROLL *"You'll find me at home, when I'm not someplace else."*
Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; "Sunshine Twins" 3; Annual Staff 4 (Prophecy Chairman); Chester Chatter 4 (Assistant Editor and Feature Writer); Y-Teen 1, 2, 3, 4; (Secretary 4); 4-H 1, 2, 3.

MARJORIE SMITH *"Laughter keeps people happy; I'm never sad."*
Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; "Grandad Steps Out" 4; Annual Staff 4 (Calendar Chairman); Class Secretary 4; Librarian 1, 2, 3, 4; Chester Chatter 4; Y-Teens 1, 2, 3, 4; Yell Leader 4; Algebra Contest 1; Geometry Contest 2.

MARTHA SMITH *"Life is but a span I'll every inch enjoy."*
Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 2, 3, 4; Y-Teen 1, 2, 3, 4, (Treasurer 4); Chester Chatter 4; "Sunshine Twins" 3; Yell Leader 4; "Grandad Steps Out" 4; Annual Staff 4; Librarian 4.

LOIS SWIHART *"A burst of laughter gives her away."*
Glee Club 1, 2; Annual Staff 4 (Last Will and Testament Committee Chairman); Librarian 3; Chester Chatter 4; Y-Teen 1, 2, 3, 4.

ROBERT WALGAMUTH *"Small, but mighty."*
Hi-Y 1, 2, 3, 4; Chester Chatter 4 (typist); Annual Staff 4 (typist).

ROZELLA WILLIAMS *"What her heart thinks, her tongue speaks."*
Glee Club 1, 2; Annual Staff 4 (Last Will and Testament); Librarian 2, 3, 4; Chester Chatter 4 (Assistant Editor and Feature Writer).

BONNIE WINEBRENNER *"Two shining brown eyes — a little curl—a pleasant smile—a pretty girl."*
Mixed Chorus 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; "Grandad Steps Out" 4; Annual Staff 4; B. & P. W. Contest 3; Librarian 2, 3; Chester Chatter 4 (Editor); Y-Teen 1, 2, 3, 4; 4-H 1, 2.

LOUISE MYERS *"A newcomer to our class who's married — not first — not last."*
Entered 3; Chester Chatter 4 (Circulation Manager); Y-Teen 4.

Last Will and Testament

We, the Seniors of 1948, will to the junior class our seats in the assembly, our worn and ragged books and our ability to get away with things during our senior year.

We, the Seniors of 1948, will to the sophomore class our sturdy figures and good looks because we feel that they could use them.

We, the Seniors of 1948, will to the freshmen class our polite and courteous ways in hopes they'll put them to use before they're seniors.

We, the Seniors of 1948, will all of the juniors over to the faculty in hopes that they will get along as well as we did in our senior year.

I, Gladys Airgood, will my curly black hair to JoAnn Leckrone.

I, Liela Bechtold, will my ability to laugh without cackling to four or five sophomore girls.

I, Don Brindel, will my ability to play the guitar to anyone who wishes to at least try it.

I, Robert Burch, will my Future Farming ability to that little squirt, Max Schilling.

I, Jean Clark, will my yell leader position for the next two years to my sister, Mary Louise.

I, Ethel Coble, will my sociology book to any junior boy or girl who desires to study about people. Very interesting sometimes, boys.

I, Mary A. Colbert, will my musical ability to Norma Martin.

I, G. T. Coon, will my ability to play the sousaphone to Benjamin Wright.

I, Dick Frantz, will my good grades to Dick Brown.

I, Dolores Grist, will my quiet ways and my height to Ted Spann.

I, Pete Grossnickle, will my gray hair to Lois Hapner. I don't think she will ever have any of her own.

I, June Hanley, will my butch haircut to Lee Dick Reiken.

I, Richard Hapner, will my black wavy hair to George Poer.

I, Don Hyde, will my ability to get in on time every night during basketball season to anyone who thinks he can do it.

I, Bob Johnson, will my hatred for girls to some underclassman who doesn't like them either.

I, Bob Little, will my tall, lanky and good looking figure to Gary Bonam.

I, Jean Meek, will my seat in the assembly to anyone who can keep Gene Metzger company and take his mischievousness.

I, John Morford, will my ability to get the car whenever I want it to Theron Rupley.

I, Robert Metzger, will my seat in the assembly to any junior girl who will keep Ronald Metzger company.

I, Louise Orr, will my baritone horn case to Mary Lois Fleck so that she can learn to put her music away.

I, Wanda Penrod, will my responsible position as art editor on the Chester Chatter Staff to any junior who has at least five hours a week to spend on it.

I, Dick Piper, will my basketball playing ability to that up and coming star, "Bing" Bechtold.

I, Eugene Ritenour, will my government workbook to any junior who thinks it will help him next year.

I, Herman Schannepp, will my ability to blush instantaneously for no apparent reason to Ronald Metzger who needs it desperately.

I, Rex Schilling, will my tremendous height and weight to "Chuckles" Gibbs.

I, Mary Lou Schnepf, will my seat in the assembly to anyone who will try to keep my brother, Stanley, company.

I, Pat Schroll, will my good looks, my seat in the assembly and my ability to be quiet to my sister, Anita.

I, Marjorie Smith, will my ability to date the college fellows to Barbara Barker.

I, Martha Smith, will my position as yell leader to one of the younger set, Mary Jane Merkle.

I, Lois Swihart, will my sweet disposition and my ability to control my temper to my brother, Charles.

I, Robert Walgamuth, will my ability to get A's in citizenship to Ben Wright.

I, Rosie Williams, will my blonde hair and sparkling blue eyes to Lois Hapner.

I, Bonnie Winebrenner, will my seat in the assembly to anyone who can keep Dick Workman company.

Reminiscences

- Aug. 29 — Enrolling again for the last time.
- Sep. 3 — Don, Hugo, Helen, and Wanda elected.
- Sep. 10 — Don, Pete, and Bob chosen to guide Ravelings of '48.
- Sep. 18 — Y-Teen Initiation! Hideous!
- Sep. 23 — Seniors bowl! Can't keep ball out of gutter!
- Sep. 25 — Hi-Y Initiation! Worse and more of it.
- Oct. 17 — Wanda elected as D. A. R. Good Citizen.
- Oct. 22 — "Gran-dad Steps Out" and how!
- Oct. 23-24 — Heck! No teachers! No school!
- Oct. 30 — The Ghost walks. Everyone turned out for Hallowe'en Carnival by Band Patrons.
- Nov. 1 — Lafontaine defeated to start basketball season.
- Nov. 12 — Band gives first Concert.
- Nov. 14 — Big Day! Central bites dust.
- Nov. 21 — Senior pictures arrive! "Do I look like that?"
- Nov. 21 — Gladys and Don take Pepsi-Cola test.
- Nov. 27-28 — Time out for turkey.
- Dec. 3 — Winter Wonderland! Soft lights and sweet music!
- Dec. 5 — Seniors select class colors, flower, and motto.
- Dec. 16 — Seniors receive name cards. Here, have my calling card.
- Dec. 19 — Student Council members receive pins.
- Dec. 22 — Hi-Y & Y-Teens caroling party.
- Dec. 23 — A never to be forgotten night! Seniors eat turkey at the expense of Mr. Rutledge.
- Dec. 24-January 5 — Christmas vacation. Any more diamonds!
- Jan. 1 — Grand New Years! Tourney at Manchester College won by Panthers.
- Jan. 8-9 — Exams! Nuf sed!
- Jan. 15, 16, 17 — Panthers win County Tourney.
- Jan. 29 — Seniors present stand-out performance to student body at convocation. Miss Ravelings of 1948 unveiled.
- Feb. 4 — Panthers claw Monroeville Cubs into submission at Wabash High School Gym.
- Feb. 11 — Pa, Ma, and Mc Banquet held at Methodist Church.
- Feb. 18 — Band gives Concert.
- Feb. 21 — Band members win honors at Solo and Ensemble Contests.
- Feb. 25-28 — Panthers win second Sectional in history of school.
- Mar. 7 — Chester crowned Regional Champs by defeating Kokomo 48-46 and Marion 76-54
- Mar. 14 — County Band Concert! Fine spirit!
- Mar. 27 — Hi-Y Best Girl Banquet.
- Mar. 31 — Hi-Y—Y-Teen Skate.
- Apr. 3 — District Band Contest.
- Apr. 7 — Junior Play "The Inner Willy."
- Apr. 8 — All School Skate.
- Apr. 10 — State Band Contest.
- Apr. 18 — County Vocal Concert.
- Apr. 24 — Y-Teen Formal.
- Apr. 26 — Junior-Senior Reception.
- May 2 — Baccalaureate.
- May 7 — Last day of school.
- May 8 — Commencement! Finis!

"Class Prophecy" - Music Hath Charms

"It's disgusting how stratoliners have a habit of propelling you down the landing chute at just the wrong moment," I remarked to my neighbor as we hit the chute for a landing in Tripoli.

"Why, what's wrong?" asked the beautiful brunette who just happened to be my landing companion on this memorable day.

"Wrong!" I lashed back. "Weren't you listening to that ball game — the score tied — a man on third — two men down and three balls and two strikes on the batter and Morford just ready to pitch again. You wouldn't understand. But you see that Morford was a high school classmate of mine a way back in '48, ten years ago."

"Is that so? That was almost ancient times, wasn't it?" retorted my companion. "Just imagine," she continued, "I'll bet you would have taken half a day in those times to come from little old New York to Tripoli. Now it's just a snap of the finger."

"Yeh, but I wish I could have seen the end of that ball game."

"Maybe you can if it's not too late. I know a mystic here who can whip up a rhythm and show you anything you want to see in two shakes."

"Do you suppose I could see all my old schoolmates?" I queried.

"Why not? Come on," replied my companion grasping my hand and leading me towards a most eerie section of the city.

Sparkling, glistening musical notes appeared before us as we approached a strange, weird building. Mysterious music seemed to rise from a distance. We entered a dome-shaped room draped in oriental splendor. Before us sat the object of our visit — Madame Treble Clef — gazing into a large, glittering measure of music. I was not surprised that she appeared to know the reason for our visit. Extensive travel in the Orient had taught me not to question the intensity of the Oriental mind which when coupled with television might produce fantastic results.

Slowly, the Oriental music changed to "Love Letters" and I saw Gladys Airgood performing a delicate operation on the throat of an eminent musician. It seems that she was trying to find "The Lost Chord."

Quickly the music changed to "Open the Door, Richard" and Liela Bechtold was standing at the back door of a farm house, her arms full of laundered clothes. She was pleading with someone in the house to open the door for her.

The music quickly changed to a different tempo and Donald Brindel flashed before my eyes. He was playing "When I Play My Spanish Guitar" as beautiful dark-eyed girls lurched and swayed to his music.

Just as suddenly the music changed to "Old McDonald Had a Farm" and Bob Burch appeared on the scene. He was in a farm yard surrounded by a group of eager faced boys who wore "C's" on their sweaters. It seems that he was explaining to them the advantages of growing three legged turkeys because the American home typically had three people and there should be a drum stick for everybody. After all, he did play the drums.

The strains "I'll Get Him Someday" now flooded the air and Jean Clark flashed before my eyes in pursuit of a handsome man. "She'll get him." I unconsciously shouted remembering Jean's flashing eyes and boundless energy in her high school days.

"Singing with the Band" now flooded the air and I saw Ethel Coble in a beautiful evening gown singing to the accompaniment of Hammy Sayls orchestra before a packed house in Radio City.

The strains of "Queen of the Radio" now broke the air and Mary Alice Colbert was standing before an N. B. C. mike putting her heart and soul into the most popular number of the day. I remembered her high school ambitions and was glad for her.

But, we could not tarry. To the melody of "Doctor, Lawyer, Indian Chief," down the corridor of a large city hospital came a slender, firmmouthed doctor whom I immediately recognized by his red hair as George T. Coon. He turned into a room marked "private," but I could not help peeping. What I saw convinced me that he had not changed. For there with a beautiful nurse on each knee, he was letting go with his fine bass voice.

Next a medley of "Home in Indiana," "Leave the Dishes in the Sink" and "Home on the Range" (What a mixture) fairly burst upon the scene and before my eyes stood Dorothy (Cripe) Purdy, Helen (Frantz) Fingerle, and Louise (Myers) Boone each engrossed in the housewifery task of waiting beside the kitchen door, a rolling pin in hand. It appeared to be almost daybreak.

"On the Banks of the Wabash" — that refrain so dearly beloved by certain boys in days of yore now wafted the sign "Frantz and Son, Builders Supplies," before my eyes. I peered through the window

and there sat Dick complacently drawing his breath and salary while holding hands with the former Nancy Bender.

"An Angel in White" was walking down a long corridor. As she turned the corner we noticed that it was Dolores Grist. She was fulfilling an old ambition as a registered nurse.

The tempo changed. Train whistles sounded in the distance. Then "I've Been Working on the Railroad" came through on a sweet melodious voice, I could not forget. It seems that Roger Grossnickle had been promoted to head water boy for the section gang and he was naturally jubilant.

"I'm in the Army Now" and the "Marines Hymn" vied with each other as I watched two sailors polishing brass and scrubbing decks. Each was so intent on his work that neither looked up but I heard one say, "Gosh, Hugo, I wish we would get transferred to the Queen Mary so we wouldn't have to worry about running out of decks to scrub."

"That's right, June," replied the other.

Next, the song of two states seem to compete with each other for recognition. "Indiana, My Indiana," was competing with "California, Here I Come." Two men (I say "men advisedly") one short the other tall — appeared on an American highway. Each had automatic thumbs that worked by button pressure. I recognized the tall one as Don Hyde. It was not hard to guess the short one after Don remarked, "You know, Bob, there ought to be at least one more college in this country that we haven't been kicked out of." It seems that Don Hyde and Bob Johnson had really been around.

"What a Wonderful Wedding That Will Be" drew my attention to a tall man and a beautiful girl before a flower banked altar. Yes, Bob Little had waited a long time but there he was with Betty beside him. Maybe he had waited until he had his livestock all registered.

Could it be "A Guy Named, Junior"? Was that the song? Yes, there he was and Jean Meek was standing there by him, too.

The melodic strains of "Margie" invaded the atmosphere and there was Bob Metzger putting the last inside trim on the new Chester High School. But what did "Margie" have to do with it?

"An Apple for the Teacher" assailed my ears and out walked Louise Orr with her hair tied in a tight knot at the back of her head and a school teacher look in her eyes. Yes, she was teaching physical education at good old Chester High.

"Leader of the Band" could not be mistaken and neither could my old friend, Wanda Penrod, who was directing the band at Chester High School. Instead of a baton she was using a three-foot paddle which seemed to have a stimulating effect on the students.

The strains became more sporty as "By the Kenapocomoco" forced itself into my ears. And there, as big as life, stood Dick Piper submitting his plans for a new fieldhouse at Chester which called for a seating capacity of 150,000 and was to be known as "Piper's Pieplate."

"Sing a Song of College Days" brought Eugene Ritenour to the front. It seems that the interest that he had shown for college even while in high school was still with him.

"Norma, My Love" a new hit tune and "On Northwestern" brought two old pals before me. Yes, there they were — Pat Schannep and Rex Schilling.

"The Smiling Senorita" turned out to reveal Mary Lou Schnepf. It seems that Mary Lou specialized in tangos.

"The Secretary's Song" revealed Pat Schroll smiling sweetly into the face of a young executive of Greater Serbia Industries, Inc. It seems that Pat had taken her commercial work seriously.

To the tune of "Wedding Bells" and "The Campus Queen" the Smith twins, Martha and Margie paraded before me. It seems that they were still leading yells — one yelling for her husband and the other yelling at kids in her primary room at Chester. Now which was which?

"Sophisticated Lady" revealed Lois Swihart just as trim and neat as ever acting as chief receptionist at the Transformer.

"Farmer in the Dell" brought Bob Walgamuth before my eyes. He was working hard on the problem of finding a method of dehydrating watermelons for shipping purposes and then blowing water into them again upon delivering to the customer.

"She Gave Her Heart to a Soldier Boy" and "An Apple Blossom Wedding" brought Rozella Williams and Bonnie Winebrenner into view but which song belonged to which only members of the Class of '48 could tell.

There was a blinding light and "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" almost burst my eardrums. A ball park burst into view and there being carried to the showers by his team mates was Johnny Morford. It came to me like a flash. All that I had seen was almost instantaneous and I was now seeing the final enactment of what I had heard on the plane. Yes, he must have struck him out. Elated, I ran out of the building shouting "Yea! Rah! Chester!" With the impetus given me by this unusual stimulation I accomplished my mission in Tripoli in record time and in less than one week was able to report to the secret service that fleas on goats in Tripoli could bite one-two hundredth of a second quicker after alighting than similar fleas on stray dogs in Chester Township.



Juniors

Row 1. Barbara Barker, Carl Bechtold, Marie Betten, Louella Blocher, Betty Brandenburg, Virginia Brandenburg, Wayne Clark, Darletta Cox.

Row. 2. Lois Cunningham, Tom Dillman, Charles Fleck, Carolyn Garrison, Marilyn Garrison, Lois Gay, Charles Gibbs, Norma Graham.

Row 3. Pauline Hippensteel, Jack Kissinger, Jim Klutz, Gene Metzger, Janet Metzger, Ronald Metzger, Don Mosher, John Penrod

Row 4. George Poer, Bruce Pottenger, Lee Dick Reiken, Theron Rupley.

Row 5. Marlene Schroll, Ann Snavely, Bob Snell, Coleen Warren.

Insert Picture. Wayne Clark, Virginia Brandenburg, Tom Dillman, Barbara Barker.

On August 31, 1945, thirty-five very green students enrolled in the freshman class at Chester. They started off by electing three efficient classmates as officers: Ronald Metzger, president; Gene Metzger, vice-president; Virginia Lea Brandenburg, secretary-treasurer. Miss Eshelman and Mr. Dilling were the sponsors. During the year Norma Graham moved in to give more volume to the class. Tragedy also struck that year, for Max Frieden passed away. His smile and good nature will never be forgotten. Two parties were held that year — a hay ride to Lagro and a skating party at Columbia City.

After summer vacation all came back as sophomores, believe it or not. They held elections again and Jack Kissinger was chosen to take the presidential position; Tom Dillman, vice-president; Coleen Warren, secretary-treasurer. Miss Stone and Mr. Scribner were sponsors. This time the class had a scavenger hunt and another skating party.

Now they are Juniors of '48 and everybody admits that they are a pretty good looking bunch by now. Their officers for this year are: Virginia Lea Brandenburg, president; Wayne Clark, vice-president; Tom Dillman, treasurer; Barbara Barker, secretary. The sponsors this year are Miss Gongwer and Mr. Metzger.

Sophomores

The class of "50," consisting of fifty-two members, entered Chester High School on August 30, 1946. They elected the following officers: Danny Fulton, president; Patricia Hathaway, vice-president; Beverly Steller, secretary; and Peggy Baker, treasurer. Gloria Vance and Robert Yentes joined the class late that year. The traditional hayride was enjoyed on September 27 and a Christmas gift exchange was held the Friday afternoon before Christmas vacation. The sponsors were Mrs. Baker and Mr. Dilling.

On August 29, 1947, forty-seven happy-go-lucky sophomores came back to "Dear Old Chester High School" for another year. The following officers were elected: Robert Yentes, president; Patricia Hathaway, vice-president; Mary Louise Clark, secretary; and Peggy Baker, treasurer.

Two parties were enjoyed by the members of the class — a hayride, September 26 and a skating party, March 12. The sponsors were Mr. Scribner and Miss Stone for the sophomore year.

Insert: Mary Louise Clark, Secretary; Bob Yentes, President; Peggy Baker, Treasurer; Patricia Hathaway, Vice-President.

First Row: Sue Anger, Peggy Baker, Ralph Bolinger, Lois Bollinger.

Second Row: Wade Bollinger, Marilee Boyer, Norma Brubaker, Phyllis Brubaker, Max Bucher, Kenneth Bucher.

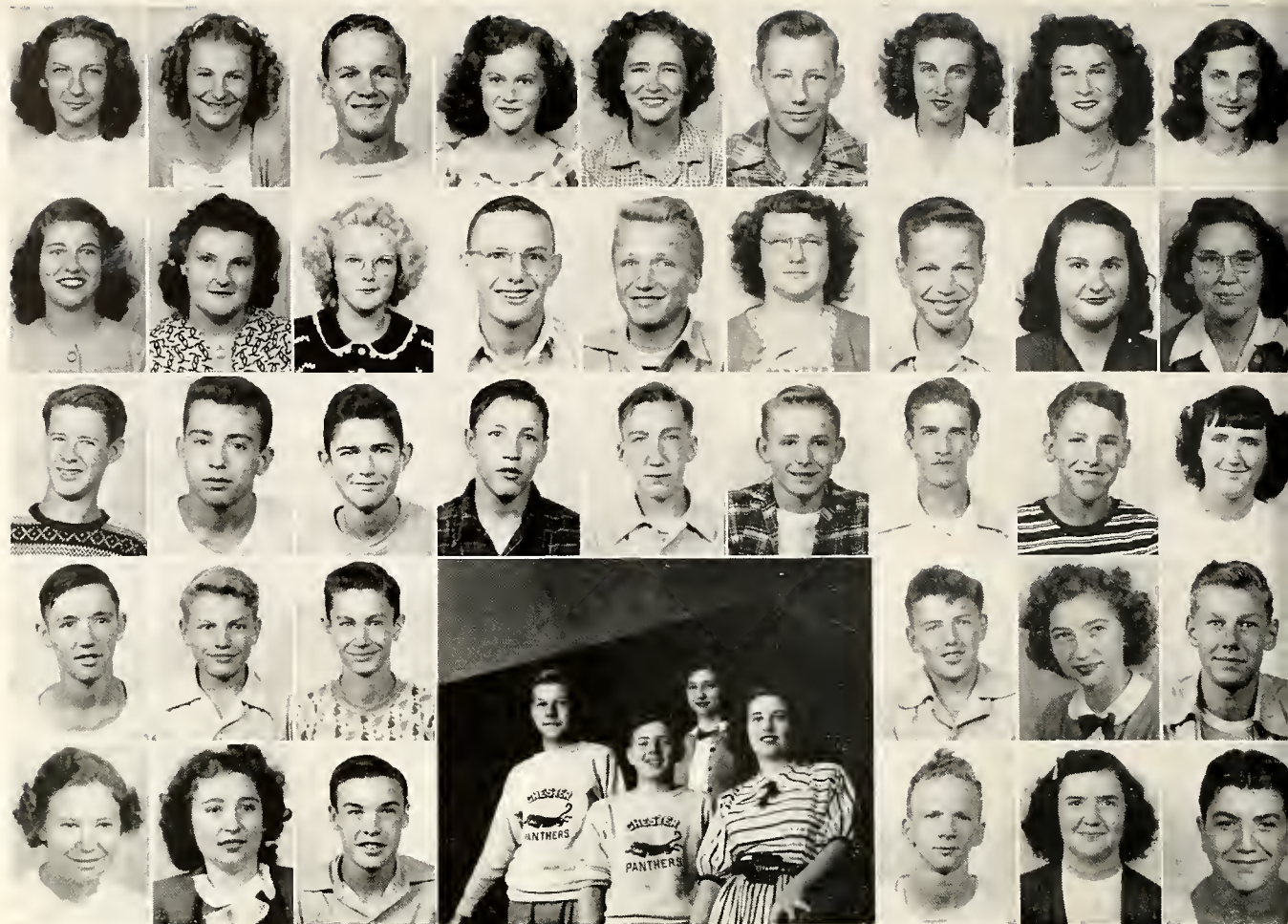
Third Row: Mary Louise Clark, Robert Coble, Keith Cripe, Bill Doster, Danny Fulton, Patricia Hathaway, Bill Holloway, Lawrence Keaffaber, Priscilla Kester.

Fourth Row: Joann Leckrone, Doris Lefforge, Tom McClure, Ted McNabney, Norma Martin, Marilyn Paul, Richard Paul.

Fifth Row: Trula Penrod, Leon Ritenour, John Rohrer, Graceanna Royer, Max Schilling, Stanley Schnepf, Connie Spann, Beverley Steller, Charles Swihart.

Sixth Row: Gloria Vance, Gilbert Walls, Gary Walters, Robert Walters, Richard Workman, Robert Yentes, Juanita Young, Sylvia Young, Joann Zimpelman.





Freshmen

First Row: Dora Betten, Jane Boocher, Norman Chamberlain, Alice Clouser, Catherine Cook, Max Cunningham, Carolyn Enyeart, Mary Feters, Martha Fitch.

Second Row: Mary Fleck, Esther Frey, Bonnie Frieden, Harold Frieden, Ted Frieden, Doris Gibbs, Robert Graham, Glorea Grossnickle, Elizabeth Gump.

Third Row: Marion Haggard, Jim Hammond, Dean Hapner, William Helvey, Fred Kling, Jim Larrison, Charles Little, Bob Littlefield, Joan Poer.

Fourth Row: Morris Poer, Lloyd Reiken, Dorsey Rhoades, Max Richards, Anita Schroll, James Schumaker.

Fifth Row: Fannie Shepherd, Agnes Sleighter, Herbert Underwood, Lester Williams, Charlotte Wright, Henry Young.

Insert: James Schumaker, president; Max Richards, vice president; Anita Schroll, treasurer; Mary Fleck, secretary.

Forty freshmen ventured into high school last August 30, 1947. These young, but intelligent students selected capable leaders to guide them through their first year in high school. They are: James Schumacher, president; Max Richards, vice-president; Mary L. Fleck, secretary; and Anita Schroll, treasurer. Later in the year Alvin Wiley joined the ranks.

To brighten up the dreary school days, the freshmen had two parties. The first was a hay-ride on September 22. On March 26 a skating party was held. Mrs. Von Ehr, Mrs. Allen and Mr. Dilling sponsored the class.

Eighth

First Row: John Warren, Ted Spann, Jesse Yentes, Dick Brown, Lulubelle Penrod

Second Row: Bill Keaffaber, Elliott Chamberlain, Ruth Ann Partridge, Barbara Meyer, Sara Felter, Dorothy Airgood, Billy Brandenburg, Larry Schenkel

Third Row: Mr. Leckrone, Lee Ray Aughinbaugh, Henry Kline, Frances Underwood, Nancy Knapp, Genevia Parson, Norma Baker, Ben Wright, Gary Bonam, Mr. Gerold Faudree.

Fourth Row: Doris Finton, Mary Bumgardner, Carol Littlefield, Carol Gump, Charlene Royer, Mary Ann Gugle, Patsy Hack, Nilah Cook

Fifth Row: Russell Hapner, Ross Raber, Thomas Airgood, Derwood Coe, Rex Martin, Melvin Speicher, John Swihart, Russell Coppes

Seventh

First Row: Gerry Barker, Max Tyner, Wendell Meyer, Kenneth Workman

Second Row: Billy Finton, Ronald Zimpelman, Larry Morford, Margaret Wirsing, Charlotte Smith, Norma Frey, Barbara Schroll, Albert Sims, James Clark, Paul Graham, Marcus Frieden

Third Row: Mr. Weimer, Carol Walls, Deloris Greer, Lois Hapner, Easter Wallen, Edith Wallen, Janet Watson, Doris Bucher, Alice Brubaker, Gail Ritenour, Mr. Paul Faudree

Fourth Row: Ernest Cripe, Robert Schumaker, George Zinsmeister, Tad Derf, Larry Frye, Tom Coon

Fifth Row: Everett Coble, Alfred Haggard, LeRoy Young, Franklin Clark, Larry Baker, Donald Snyder





Fifth and Sixth

Front row — Teddy Morford, Todd Hathaway, Norma Coning, Marilyn Metzger, Helen Penrod, Robert Nailor, Bobby Barker, Billie Whitaker. Second row — Phyllis Burkhardt, Barbara Elkins, ohn Clark, Chuck Carter, Dick Zimpleman, Keith Cook, Anita Bollinger, Sandra Clark, Marjorie Sims.

Third row — Barbara Miller, Philip Snavelly, Richard Purdy, Violet Kline, Julia Pottenger, Beverly Schroll, Patricia Wallace, Clarence Houser, Galen Chamberlain, Maurice Freiden.

Fourth row — Shirley Brubaker, Marilee Baker, Jerry Lee Purdy, Mrs. Thrush, Robert Messer, Mike Leckrone, Jimmy Baker, Dean Cox, Donald Vance, Max Frye.



Third and Fourth

Front row — Delmar Shepherd, Carolyn Metzger, Tommy Baker, Bobby Hapner, Mary Jane Merkle, Janene Meyer, Merrill Chamberlain, Kendal Walter, Ray Hendrix.

Second row — Earl Whitaker, Jerry Carter, Beverly Buckingham, Karen Bolinger, Sue Richards, Joyce Grossnickle, Sharon Neher, Joe Walls.

Third row — Dorothy Lefforge, Carol Grossnickle, Jack Baker, Norman Baker, Dewayne Beery, Jerry Clark, Julia Purdy, Mary Ellen Snavelly, Pat Leckrone, Jerry Badskey, Mrs. Kreamer.

Fourth row — Norman Baker, Martha Kline, Sharon Hapner, Junior Wersing, Tommy Paul, Rolland Shepherd, R. J. Renicker, Fannie Esther Swihart, Max Cox.



First and Second

Front row — Martha Ann Merkle, Kay Walter, Roger Miller, Becky Sue Ayres, Max Taylor, Richard Miller, Lowell Emerick, Bobby Gidley, Janice Allen, Marcea Brandenburg, Rachel Cook.

Second row — Gene Hapner, Sandra Shock, Ronald Brandenburg, Janet Morford, Evalina Owens, Pearl Kline, Todd Richards, Jane Hippensteel, Jean Hippensteel, Charles Harper, Janet Badskey, Devon Zimpleman, Sharon Myers.

Third row — Nancy Hauptert, Alice May Whitaker, Sherrill Wallace, Rosemary Miller, Jerry Luckenbill, Titus Chamberlain, Jimmy Speicher, Karen Bowen, Laurale Brandenburg, Janet Buckingham, Marvin Metzger.

Fourth row — Floyd Sims, Valace Owens, Blanton Howard, Miss Dillman, Glenn Brubaker, Carl Clemmons, Rosalie Wirsing, Nancy Frantz, Linda Clark, Donald Ray Lefforge, Kay Richards, Malinda Edwards.

Liberty Mills

1st Row: Joe Carson, Carl Taylor. Nathan Shepherd, Laymon Howard, Clyde Shepherd, Danny Hammond, Gary Keaffaber, Quentin Tackitt, Abraham Shepherd, Tommy Helvey, Dewayne Brubaker, Jerry Judy, Larry Tackitt, Lloyd Shepherd. 2nd Row: Norma Jean Helvey, Ruth Ann Shepherd, Sue Jean Howard, Ann Keaffaber, Ethel Shepherd, Peggy Howard, Sue Graham, Ruth Wallen, Louise Shepherd, Geraldine Bradley, Jo Anne Landis. 3rd Row: Mrs. Bormuth, Anna May Helvey, Lena Mae Shepherd, Helen Brubaker, Juanita Shepherd, Dickie Carson, Charles Spencer, Happy Tackitt, Mertil Rowe, Patsy Walgamuth, Jerry Coblentz, Mrs. Ulrey. 4th Row: Mr. Martin, Tim Derf, Rose Lee Shepherd, Sue Leonhardt, John Shepherd, Gene Heeter, Diane Landis, Frank Rowe, Dewight Ritenour, Dewayne Ritenour, Betty Williams.



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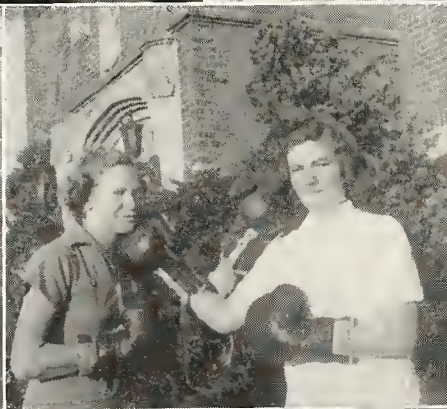
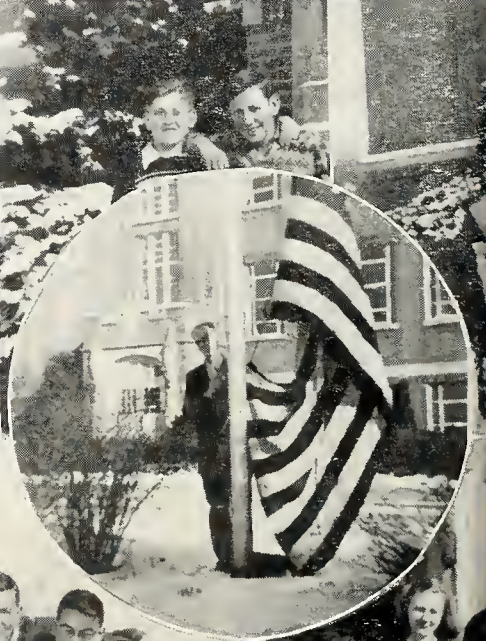
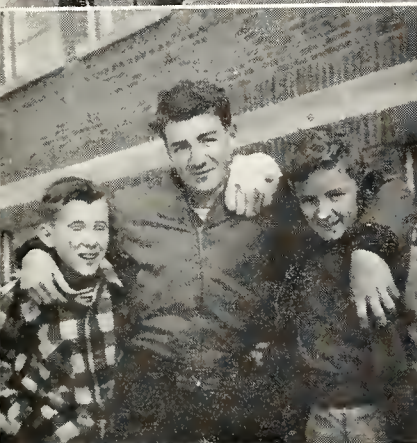
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New Salem

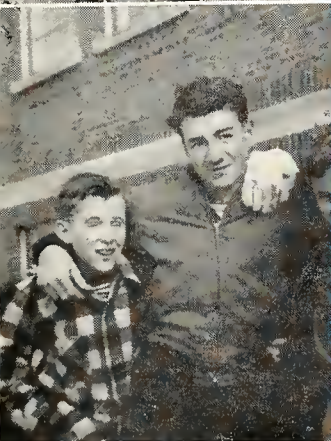
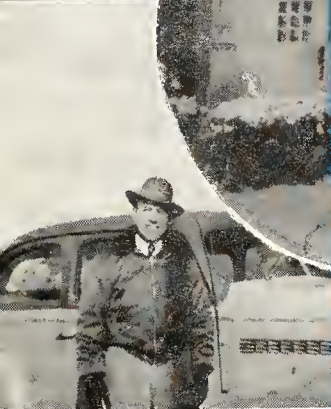
Bottom Row: Jack Sleighter, Charles Zinsmeister, Leo Judy, Gary Jackson, Jerry Raber, Clifford Clouser, James Finton, James Little, Ralph Penrod, Jay Schilling, Donald Brown. 2nd Row: Betty Raber, Donna Lee Sleighter, Larry Lee Burnett, Max Colclessor, Vanita Sink, Frieda Allman, Larry Williams, Sondra Sue Raber, Janet Hubley, Kenneth Pratt, Beatrice Little, Gloria Ann Houser, Harold Finton, Janice Pratt, Jimmy Allman. 3rd Row: Carol Ann Morford, Shirley Littlefield, Jimmy Renz, James Crist, Gloria Jean Hack, Nelson Zinsmeister, Vernon Schroll, Mary Lou Grube, Thomas Schumaker, Rosalie Holloway, Jane Ann Schenkel, Mary Lou Tyner, Marilyn Pratt. 4th Row: Larry Raber, Don Judy, David Hubley, Harold Hamman, Margaret Snyder, Catherine Gemmer, Beulah Young, Connie Owens, Phyllis Bechtold, Norma Colclessor, Dora Young, Loretta Hubley, Roberta Vought.





ACTIVITIES







Left to right — Wendell Meyer, Virginia Brandenburg, Bob Yentes, Donald Brindel, Jesse Yentes, Mr. Smith, James Schumaker.

Student Council

The Student Council members are the presidents of the classes. They meet bi-monthly to discuss and aid in solving school problems. This year, for the first time, our group affiliated with the National Association of Student Councils. The group brought two special programs to our school and also sponsored an all-school skate. Keeping the new bulletin board up to date was one of their projects this year and also the class convocation programs. The Student Council rendered a great service to the school during the tourneys by taking charge of an information desk at the main entrance. Because Virginia Brandenburg's band and music schedule prevented her from attending many meetings, Wayne Clark, vice-president of the junior class, served much of the time in her place, and did a fine job. Another very valuable work performed by the Council was the drawing of the names for the tourney tickets.

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Seated first row: Mr. Dilling, Don Mosher, Jack Kissinger, Roger Grossnickle, Ted Coon, Dick Frantz, Don Hyde, Robert Little.

Second row: Mr. Metzger, Mr. Paul Faudree.

Seated: Mr. Weimer, Mr. Gerold Faudree, Donald Brindel, Richard Piper, June Hanley, Robert Johnson, John Morford.

Third row: Robert Yentes, Max Schilling, Ralph Bolinger, Keith Cripe, Tom McClure, Gilbert Walls, Kenneth Bucher, Leon Ritenour, Lawrence Keaffaber, Danny Joe Fulton, Rex Schilling, Mr. Smith.

Fourth row: Richard Paul, Lee Dick Reiken, Bill Holloway, Robert Walters, Stanley Schnepf, Gary Walters, Wade Bollinger, Max Bucher, Jim Klutz, Pat Schannep.

Fifth row: Bruce Pottenger, Charles Fleck, Bill Doster, Gene Metzger, Ronald Metzger, Robert Snell, Wayne Clark, Robert Metzger, John Rohrer, Robert Walgamuth.

Sixth row: George Poer, Tom Dillman, Robert Burch, John Penrod, Carl Bechtold, Charles Gibbs, Richard Workman.

Hi - Y

The Hi-Y is the high school branch of the Y. M. C. A. Its membership is open to all boys in grades 10, 11, and 12 at Chester. The purpose of Hi-Y is to create, maintain, and extend throughout the school and community high standards of Christian character. As a part of this work, the club sent \$50 through CARE to be used to aid in the rehabilitation of young people of the war torn countries. Swims, skates, sings and best girl banquets are some of the outside activities sponsored by the Hi-Y.

Regular meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month during convocation periods.

Y-teen

The Y-Teen Club is an organization of girls in the tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grades. It is the junior division of the Young Women's Christian Association and was formerly known as the Girl Reserve. Its purpose is to promote higher christian standards of conduct among high school girls. The Y-Teens meet during the convocation period on the second Wednesday of each month. At these meetings the girls sometimes have outside speakers and entertainers and sometimes furnish their own programs. Funds are raised by selling eskimo pies in conjunction with the Hi-Y Club at the noon hour. Fifty dollars was sent through CARE to aid in the rehabilitation of the youth of Europe. The girls entertained their parents at a Pa-Ma-and-Me Banquet at the Methodist Church on February 11, at which time Mrs. Carson Priser gave an interesting book review. The Y-Teens joined with the Hi-Y in a caroling party for shut-ins just before Christmas.

Seated: Juanita Young, Marilyn Paul, Gloria Vance, Norma Brubaker, Marilee Boyer, Pat Hathaway, Doris Lefforge, Peggy Baker.

Standing first row: Miss Gongwer, Bonnie Winebrenner, Marjorie Smith, Jean Clark, Pat Schroll, Marlene Schroll, Martha Smith, Betty Brandenburg, Ann Snavely, Lois Cunningham, Virginia Brandenburg, Pauline Hippensteel.

Second row: Louise Myers, Jo Anne Leckrone, Dorothy Cripe, Darletta Cox, Coleen Warren, Mary Louise Clark, Connie Spann, Mary Lou Schnepf, Miss Eshelman.

Third row: Mary Alice Colbert, Louella Blocher, Lois Swihart, Carolyn Garrison, Janet Metzger, Barbara Barker.

Fourth row: Liela Bechtold, Sue Anger, Phyllis Brubaker, Priscilla Kester, Trula Penrod, Norma Graham, Lois Gay.

Fifth row: Miss Stone Sylvia Young, Graceanna Royer, Joan Zimpleman, Beverly Steller, Dolores Grist, Wanda Penrod.



Ravelings

THE DIRECTORS

On September 10, 1947, the Class of '48 voted to publish this edition of Ravelings. Following the usual plan, Don Hyde was elected editor, Roger Grossnickle was elected associate editor, and Bob Little was elected business manager. To these directors was given the job of appointing the staff and other workers in the production of Ravelings. Don and Roger were made responsible for the production end of the job while Bob directed the advertising and circulation.

THE STAFF

To each member of the class was given some committee job in the production of Ravelings. The staff is composed of the chairmen of the committees along with the directors. Each staff member was responsible for seeing that his committee functioned properly.



Roger Grossnickle, associate editor; Mr. Smith, adviser; Don Hyde, editor; Mrs. Allen, adviser; Bob Little, business manager.



Seated (Left to right) Roger Grossnickle, Donald Hyde, Robert Little, Lois Swihart, Gladys Airgood, Wanda Penrod, Marjorie Smith, Martha Smith, Jean Clark, and Helen Frantz.

Standing (Left to right), Mrs. Allen, Richard Frantz, Robert Burch, Donald Brindel, Mr. Smith.

Chester Chatter

Chester Chatter is the bi-weekly newspaper published by the Advanced Typing Class of Chester High School in cooperation with reporters elected by the classes and clubs. Miss Gongwer directs the journalistic part while Mr. Dilling has charge of the production.



Seated First Row: Jean Clark, Patricia Schroll, Bonnie Winebrenner, Rozella Williams, Miss Gongwer.

Second Seated Row: Robert Johnson, June Hanley, Don Grindel, Richard Hapner, Richard Piper.

Standing—Third Row: Louise Meyers, Lois Swihart, Rex Schilling, Gerry Barker, Lulubell Penrod, Mary Alice Colbert, Jean Meek, Doris Leforge, Jo Anne Leckrone, Marjorie Smith, Don Mosher, Wanda Penrod, Virginia Brandenburg, Liela Bechtold, Martha Smith.

Standing—Fourth row: Jane Booher, Dolores Grist, Mr. Dilling, Eugene Ritenour.



Bonnie Winebrenner, editor; Pat Schroll, associate editor; Mr. Dilling, production adviser; Wanda Penrod, art editor; Miss Gongwer, journalism adviser; Rozella Williams, associate editor.

Senior Play

"Grandad Steps Out"

"Grandad Steps Out" is a farce comedy in three acts.

Mrs. Morton, Grandad's daughter treats Grandad like a child. He is only slightly ill but in Mrs. Morton's eyes he is a very sick man. She feeds him soup every meal for his "ulcers" and Grandad, being tired of this, says so.

The plot thickens when Grandad gets a telegram from an old friend, Big Jim Mahoney from Arizony, saying he is coming to get him and to take him out to supper. Of course, Grandad knows his daughter, Mrs. Morton, won't let him go. When he decides to sneak out he discovers he has no clothes. Mrs. Morton had sent them all to the cleaners.

Meanwhile Mrs. Morton's niece and nephew, Betty and Kip Shaddock, have arrived. Kip quickly becomes acquainted with the triplets, Judy, Ludy, and Trudy Norwood, who have just moved in next door. His sister, Betty, loses no time in becoming acquainted with their brother, Jack.

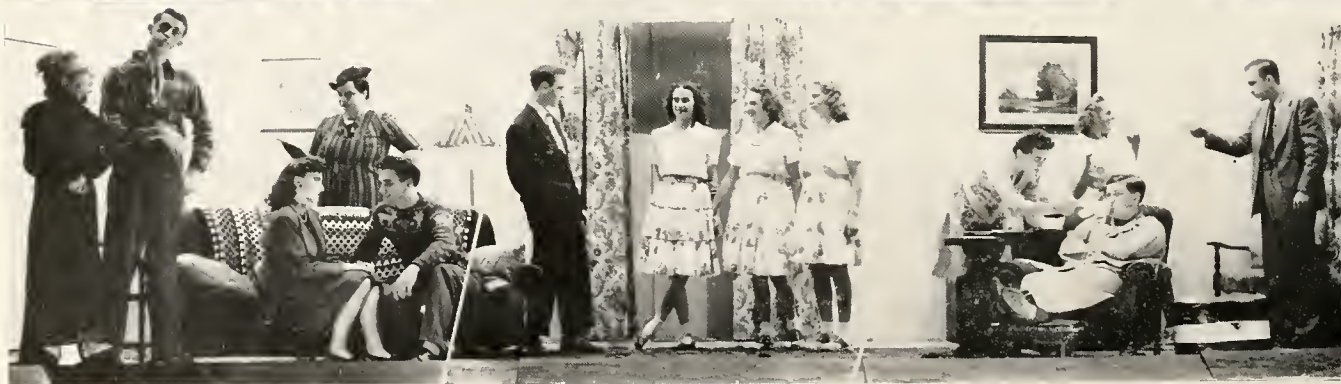
Grandad wears the pants of Kip's suit which is about three sizes too small and steps out with "Big Jim Mahoney."

The climax comes when Mrs. Morton discovers Grandad has disappeared. Tillie, whom Grandad had posted under a blanket in his place, had gone. Betty discovers there is no one there and the chase begins. The officer is called in and starts the mad search.

Upper Picture — Standing: Miss Eshelman, Roger Grossnickle, Dorothy Cripe, Bonnie Winebrenner, Jean Clark, Marjorie Smith, Wanda Penrod, John Morford, Mr. Smith.

Seated: Robert Johnson, Liela Bechtold, Ted Coon, Robert Little, Martha Smith, Helen Frantz.

Lower Picture — (left to right) Martha Smith, Robert Little, Dorothy Cripe, Wanda Penrod, Roger Grossnickle, Robert Johnson, Jean Clark, Bonnie Winebrenner, Marjorie Smith, Liela Bechtold, Helen Frantz, Ted Coon, John Morford.





Upper Picture — Front Row: Jack Kissinger. 2nd Row: Louella Blocher, Janet Metzger, Tom Dillman, Virginia Brandenburg, Marlene Schroll. 3rd Row: Miss Gongwer, Coleen Warren, Darletta Cox, Carl Bechtold, Don Mosher, Marie Betten, Barbara Barker.

Lower Left Picture — Marlene Schroll, Virginia Brandenburg, Jack Kissinger, Tom Dillman, Janet Metzger. Lower Right Picture — Coleen Warren, Darletta Cox, Jack Kissinger, Tom Dillman, Barbara Barker, Carl Bechtold.

Junior Play

"The Inner Willy"

"The Inner Willy" is a comedy in three acts.

Willoughby has been too long under the over-solicitous influence of his three maiden aunts. He dutifully swallows barrels of cod-liver oil, eats bushels of turnips, says, "Fiddlesticks," instead of, "Gee," and practices his piano. To save Willy from being completely dominated a young man enters the picture. He is Willy's "inner self" visible only to Willy. He wears long underwear and a felt hat, munches raw cucumbers, perches

on top of the piano and follows Willy everywhere. Willy rebels at first, calling Inner Willy a "super-charged atom in BVD's," but eventually unbends. He asserts himself, notices girls for the first time and not only secures a date with Carol, his secret sorrow, but two other dates at the same time.

Not until Willoughby satisfactorily disposes of the girl complications, states his own career choice and arranges the dance details does "the pest," Inner Willy, vanish behind the sofa, leaving his suit of underwear on the floor.



Senior Band

First Row: Wanda Penrod, Patricia Schroll, Liela Bechtold, Lulabelle Penrod, Marilyn Garrison, Doris Lefforge, Barbara Barker.

Second Row: Carolyn Garrison, Darletta Cox, Virginia Brandenburg, Marjorie Smith, Coleen Warren, Dean Cox, Michael Leckrone, Gladys Airgood, Mary Alice Colbert, Janet Watson, Beverly Steller, Priscilla Kester, Lois Cunningham, Tom Dillman.

Third Row: Patsy Hack, Carol Gump, John Rohrer, Robert Burch, Richard Paul, Joann Zimpelman, Elizabeth Gump, Trula Penrod, Ben Wright, George T. Coon, Carol Littlefield, Nancy Knapp, Lawrence Keaffaber, Wendell Meyer, Max Cunningham, Mary Lois Fleck, Louise Orr, Dorothy Airgood, Ann Snavelly, Tommy Airgood.

Fourth Row: Janet Metzger, Mary Louise Clark, Mr. Leckrone.

Junior Band

First Row: Charlotte Smith, John Warren, Agnes Sleighter, Richard Paul, Doris Gibbs, Russell Hapner, Edith Wallen, Elliott Chamberlain.

Second Row: Charlene Royer, Joann Poer, Esther Wallen, Mr. Leckrone, Kenneth Workman, Billy Keaffaber, Charles Little, Marion Haggard.

The Junior band is made up of boys and girls who desire to learn to play some kind of musical instrument. These boys and girls practice with Mr. Leckrone, their instructor, each Thursday morning the first period.



Music Contest Results

On Saturday, April 3, the Northern Indiana High School Band, Orchestra, and Vocal Association District Contest was held at Hartford City. Chester entered the Band and Glee Club Divisions and both organizations received Division I or superior ratings which entitled them to enter the State Contest at North Manchester on April 10. At this contest the Band received Division II or excellent rating while the Glee Club received Division III or good rating. Virginia Brandenburg, Janet Metzger, and Mary Louise Clark entered the State Twirling Contests as a team and received the Division III or good rating as did Virginia Brandenburg as an individual.

Chester is proud of its musical organizations and directors and is grateful for the honors that they have brought to the school.



Swing Band

The Swing Band was organized by Mr. Leckrone two years ago to give interested students an opportunity to play popular music. The group serves the school and community by playing at many public meetings and programs. They rehearse every Monday night in the band room.

Priscilla Kester, Mr. Leckrone, Tom Dillman, Richard Paul, Beverly Steller, Ted Coon, Coleen Warren, Doris Lefforge.

Majorettes

Janet Metzger, Mary Louise Clark, Virginia Brandenburg.

The Majorettes have become a tradition at Chester. This high stepping trio leads the marching band as Mr. Leckrone sends them through their formations at the ball games. All the girls are underclassmen.





Girls Glee Club

First Row: Mrs. Von Ehr, Virginia Brandenburg, Marlene Schroll, Betty Brandenburg, Bonnie Winebrenner, Gloria Vance, Phyllis Brubaker, Marilyn Paul, Pat Hathaway, Marilee Boyer, JoAnne Leckrone, Doris Lefforge, Peggy Baker.

Second Row: Liela Bechtold, Coleen Warren, Louise Orr, Norma Brubaker, Barbara Barker, Connie Spann, Sue Anger, Juanita Young, Mary Lou Schnepf, Martha Smith, Mary Louise Clark.

Third Row: Darletta Cox, Patricia Schroll, Dorothy Cripe, Marie Betten, Jean Clark, Dolores Grist, Graceanna Royer, Lois Cunningham, Mary Alice Colbert, Janet Metzger.

Fourth Row: Ann Snavelly, Trula Penrod, Wanda Penrod, Marjorie Smith, Beverly Steller, Joan Zimpelman, Sylvia Young, Priscilla Kester.

The Girls' Glee Club is composed of girls in their sophomore, junior and senior years and is under the direction of Mrs. Von Ehr. Two rehearsals are held each week.

Mixed Chorus

First Row: Mrs. Von Ehr, Liela Bechtold, Virginia Brandenburg, Darletta Cox, Bonnie Winebrenner, Barbara Barker, Jean Clark, Lois Cunningham, Marilee Boyer, Pat Hathaway.

Second Row: Louise Orr, Pat Schroll, Dorothy Cripe, Wanda Penrod, Dolores Grist, Marjorie Smith, Mary Lou Schnepf, Martha Smith, Mary Alice Colbert.

Third Row: Lawrence Keaffaber, Don Mosher, John Rohrer, Max Bucher, Keith Cripe, Robert Johnson, Gary Walters.

Fourth Row: John Penrod, John Morford, Charles Gibbs, Richard Piper, Bill Doster, Ted Coon, Robert Little.

The Mixed Chorus is made up of high school boys and girls who desire to sing. Mrs. Von Ehr is the director. Rehearsals are held each Thursday the first period. The group sang with the All-County Choir on Sunday, April 18, 1948.





Librarians

Seated—(left to right): Pauline Hippensteel, Rozella Williams, Martha Smith, Marjorie Smith, Dolores Grist, Marlene Schroll.

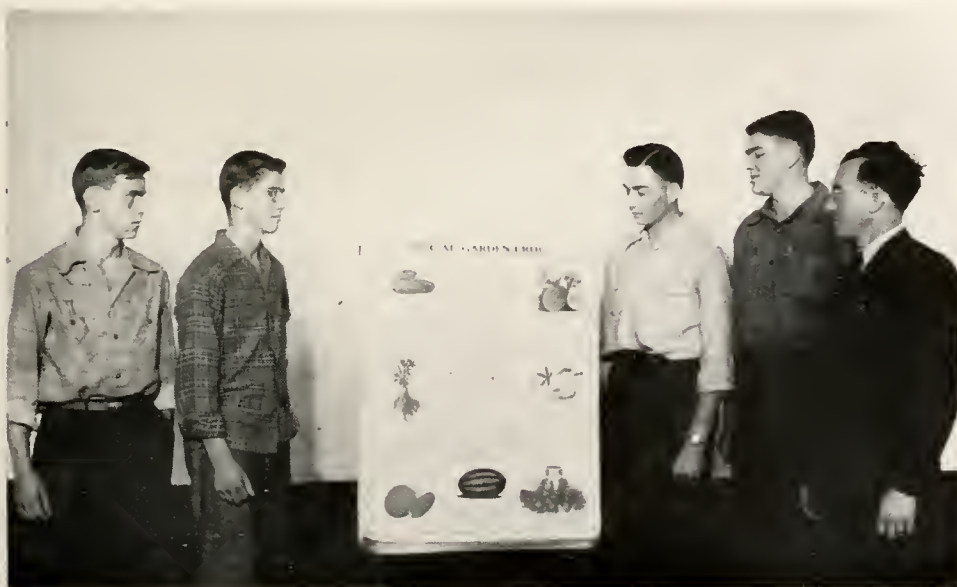
Standing — (left to right): Lois Gay, Louella Blocher, Mary Feters, Mary Alice Colbert, Miss Gongwer, Virginia Brandenburg.

The librarians, under the direction of Miss Gongwer, serve our school by checking books, magazines, and newspapers out and in, keeping the books arranged neatly on the shelves, giving assistance to students seeking library information, and seeing that chairs and tables are kept in orderly arrangement. Their work is very valuable and they are doing a good job.

Vegetable Judging Team

The Vegetable Judging Team is a new organization at Chester. It was organized soon after school started last fall. It participated in its first contest at Purdue University on November 1, 1947. The team tied for eighteenth place. There were 107 teams competing in this contest. The team scored 1,138 points out of a possible 1,500 points.

Left to right: — Bill Holloway, Charles Fleck, John Penrod, Robert Burch, Mr. Scribner.





Boys 4-H

First Row: Jim Klutz, Melvin Speicher, Gary Walters, Richard Paul.

Second Row: Teddy Morford, Max Frye, Maurice Frieden, Paul Graham, Billy Finton, Ben Wright, Larry Schenkel, Ted Spann, Larry Frye, Albert Simms, Marcus Frieden.

Third Row: Mr. Scribner, John Morford, Elliott Chamberlain, Wendell Meyer, Max Schilling, Tommy Airgood, Lawrence Keaffaber, Russell Coppes, Max Cunningham, Norman Chamberlain.

Fourth Row: Larry Morford, Ronald Metzger, Robert Snell, Harold Frieden, John Rohrer, Robert Littlefield, Robert Graham, Rex Schilling, Robert Little.

Fifth Row: Charles Fleck, John Penrod, Robert Burch, Jack Kissinger, Carl Bechtold, Charles Gibbs, Richard Workman, Ralph Bolinger, Keith Cripe.

About sixty boys are enrolled in three Boy's 4-H Clubs of Chester Township. These boys are enrolled in the Sow and Litter, Dairy, Beef, Sheep, Pig, Corn, Soy Bean, Rabbits, Garden and Poultry projects. The three clubs are the New Salem, Hustling Hayseeds, Sr. and Hustling Hayseeds, Jr.

Girls 4-H

First Row: Helen Penrod, Julia Pottenger, Beverly Schroll, Barbara Meyers, Genevia Parsons, Sandra Clark, Phyllis Burkhart, Barbara Miller, Marjorie Simms.

Second Row: Miss Stone, Gail Ritenour, Doris Bucher, Ann Snavelly, Lois Cunningham, Patsy Hack, Darletta Cox, Virginia Brandenburg, Sarah Jane Felter, Gladys Airgood, Janet Watson, Lulubelle Penrod.

Third Row: Gerry Barker, Norma Frey, Barbara Schroll, Dorothy Airgood, Coleen Warren, Patricia Schroll, Liela Bechtold, Marlene Schroll, Janet Metzger, Barbara Barker.

Fourth Row: Carol Walls, Carol Littlefield, Carol Gump, Anita Schroll, Elizabeth Gump, JoAnne Leckrone, Connie Spann, Norma Graham, Mary Ann Gugle.

Fifth Row: Louise Orr, Gloria Grossnickle, Esther Frey, Doris Gibbs, Sylvia Young, Beverly Steller, Dolores Grist, Marilee Boyer.

There are five girls 4-H clubs in Chester Township. These five clubs consist of seventy-six girls who are interested in learning to sew, bake, cook, can and to improve home furnishings. The sponsor and adult leader of these girls is Miss Stone. Working under Miss Stone's supervision are junior leaders. These junior leaders are: Marlene Schroll, Virginia Orr, Lois Cunningham, Norma Graham, Patricia Schroll and Barbara Barker.





Dairy Judging Team

Left to right: Mr. Scribner, Richard Workman, John Rohrer, Gary Walters, Rex Schilling.

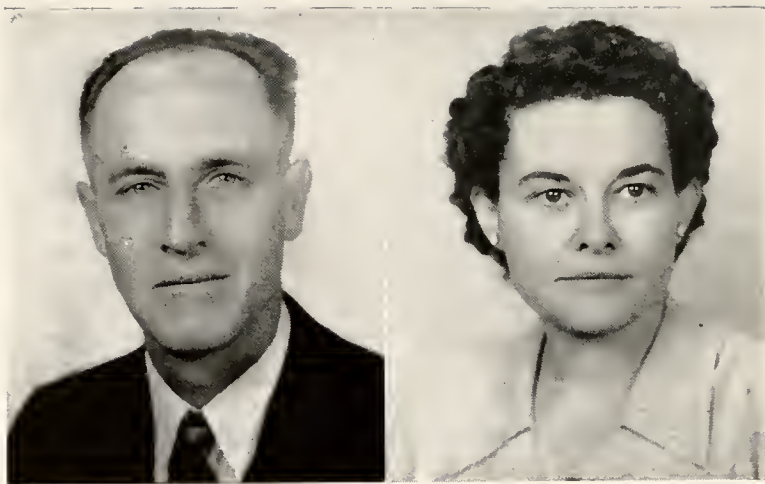
The Dairy Judging Team placed second in the county judging contest. They placed ninth at the district judging contest at South Whitley with twenty-one teams competing. They placed twenty-first at the Purdue Round-Up with fifty seven teams competing. At the state fair they placed fourteenth with twenty-nine teams competing. They will participate in the county judging contest on April 23, 1948.

Livestock Judging Team

Left to right: Mr. Scribner, Ralph Bollinger, Ronald Metzger, Robert Burch, Jack Kissinger, Robert Little.

The livestock judging team placed second in the county livestock judging contest last spring. Later they placed first in the district judging contest at South Whitley with nineteen teams competing. At the Purdue Round-Up, they placed second with twenty-nine teams participating. They will compete in the county contest again on April 24, 1948.





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Custodians

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Although Mr. and Mrs. Vance have served only one year at Chester, they have become a vital part of the school organization. The building has been kept clean and the million and one little details that only custodians know about have been cared for in a fine manner. Their services are appreciated by both students and faculty.

Bus Drivers

Most of Chester's students are transported to school in buses. All the drivers are residents of the community and are deeply interested in affairs at Chester. Their record of no serious accidents is viewed with pride by the school and community.

Lowell Miller, Clifford Faurote, Harold Cripe, Lloyd Heeter, Paul Shanahan, Kenneth Miller, Harry Frey, Dorsey Metzger, Durwood Hathaway.

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Us*





First row: Max Schilling, Richard Paul, James Schumaker, Gary Walters, Stanley Schnepf, Bob Littlefield, Max Cunningham, Norman Chamberlain.

Second row: Mr. Scribner, Bill Holloway, Robert Metzger, Ronald Metzger, Robert Snell, Harold Frieden, John Rohrer, Robert Graham, Rex Schilling, Robert Little, John Morford.

Third row: Charles Fleck, John Penrod, Robert Burch, Jack Kissinger, Charles Gibbs, Richard Workman, Ralph Bolinger, Keith Cripe.

Future Farmers of America

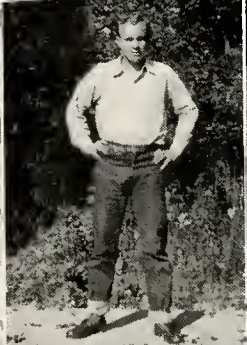
The Future Farmers of America is a national organization of high school boys studying vocational agriculture. The local chapter was organized in 1945 under the direction of Mr. Scribner, vocational agriculture teacher. The purpose of the organization is to develop on the part of the boys a challenge for better leadership, clearer thinking, cooperation, and the desire to be a better farmer. The boys meet on the fourth Wednesday of each month during the convocation period. Monthly evening meetings are also held during the school year and during the summer. At these meetings discussions of better farming practices are held or sometimes an outside speaker is brought into discuss a topic of interest to farm boys.

Officers for 1947-48 are:

President	Bob Little
Vice-President	Ronald Metzger
Secretary	Robert Metzger
Treasurer	Jack Kissinger
Reporter	Rex Schilling
Sentinel	John Morford

The Chester Chapter was honored by having the following members elected to the following district offices:

District Director	Richard Little
District Secretary	Robert Burch
District Treasurer	Robert Little
District Adviser	Cecil Scribner



SPORTS





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Basketball

The Panthers had a "whale" of a season in '47 and '48. With 27 straight wins the team was not halted until stopped by Portland in the Semi-Finals at Muncie.

The Panthers took four tourneys in stride: Four Way, County, Sectional and Regional. For the second time in the history of the school the sectional was won and the Regional was won for the first time. The Regional settled a lot of disputes over how the Panthers would look against "Big Ten" competition.

The Panthers boasted an "all over six foot team." The front line consisted of Little, Piper, and Hyde. All were veterans. The three boys were three scoring threats and they worked together beautifully.

The back line consisted of Morford, a sub from last year, and Frantz, a veteran of part of last year's season. Morford came through in the tourneys with some points at just the right time. He also was the starter of many plays. Frantz was a tower of strength at the defense bankboard.



DOE

Coach Gerold Faudree was a very pleased man at the end of the season this year. He has been at Chester for five years and chalked up a remarkable record. The boys work under his calm leadership very willingly. He does more to promote clean sports at Chester than any other man.



PETE

Coach Paul Faudree came through with an unbeaten season in baseball this year and all are hoping for the same in track. He has been here three years and usually comes up with something good. He wins his boys over by being just another one of the gang.

The Varsity

Front Row: Theron Rupley, June Hanley, Bob Johnson, Dick Piper, Tom McClure.
Back Row: Richard Hapner, Student Manager; Don Mosher, Bob Little, Dick Frantz, Don Hyde, John Morford, Roger Grossnickle, Student Manager; Gerold Faudree, Coach.





Varsity

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DON HYDE
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JOHN MORFORD
Senior — Guard

BOB JOHNSON
Senior — Forward

JUNE HANLEY
Senior — Center



2ND COLUMN

DICK FRANTZ
Senior — Guard

TOM McCLURE
Sophomore — Forward



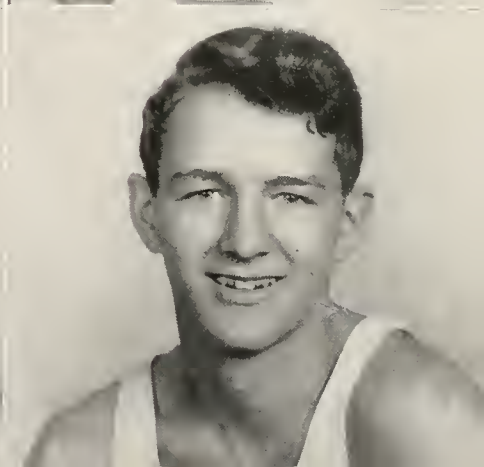
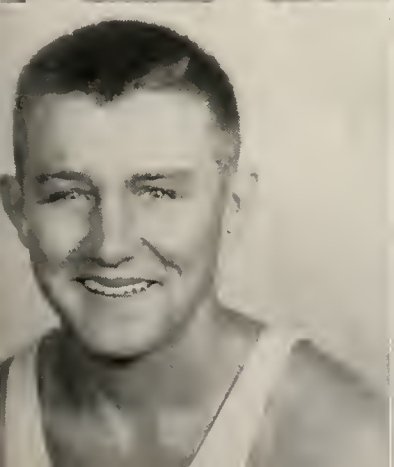
3RD COLUMN

DICK PIPER
Senior — Forward

BOB LITTLE
Senior — Forward

THERON RUPLEY
Junior — Guard

DON MOSHER
Junior — Guard





Second Team

Front Row: Harold Frieden, Jim Hammond, Ronald Metzger, Bruce Pottenger, Ralph Bollinger, Lee Dick Reiken, Danny Fulton, John Rohrer.

Back Row: Roger Grossnickle, Student Manager; Charles Gibbs, Carl Bechtold, Wayne Clark, Jack Kissinger, Richard Workman, Kenneth Bucher, Richard Hapner, Student Manager.



Freshman Team

Front Row. William Helvey, Max Richards, Morris Poer, James Schumaker, Norman Chamberlain, Lester Williams.

Back Row: Lloyd Reiken, Dean Hapner, Harold Frieden, Charles Little, Herbert Underwood, Fred Kling, Robert Graham, Paul Faudree, Coach.



Junior High Team

Front Row: Billy Keaffaber, Robert Schumaker, Ross Raber, Paul Faudree, Coach; Rex Martin, Jimmy Morrissey, Ted Spann.

Back Row: Ben Wright, Durwood Coe, Dick Brown, John Swihart, Wendell Meyer, Kenneth Workman, Ronnie Zimpelman.



Roger Grossnickle
Richard Hapner



Jean Clark, Martha Smith
Marjorie Smith, Mary Louise Clark

Pete and Hugo

Whenever Mr. Faudree wanted extra practice players, referees, doctors, floor sweepers, ball polishers, stevedores, assistant coaches, bouncers, or what have you, he always called on Pete and Hugo. These good-natured seniors were always on the job when needed.

Yell Leaders

Jean, Martha, Marjorie, and Mary Louise, our pep dispensers, under the able leadership of Mr. Metzger, were always ready with a yell or a stunt for every occasion. Jean, Martha, and Marjorie are seniors but Mary Louise will be back for two more years.

SEASON RECORD

Chester 55, Lafontaine 35
Chester 65, Linlawn 42
Chester 40, Central 25
Chester 53, Clear Creek 32
Chester 56, Laketon 42
Chester 61, Sidney 31 *
Chester 63, Lagro 49
Chester 64, Bippus 34
Chester 63 Silver Lake 36
Chester 41, Akron 40
Chester 52, Central 25
Chester 38, Urbana 35
Chester 44, Monroeville 42
Chester 54, Pierceton 24
Chester 35, Roann 34
Chester 52, South Whitley 41

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Chester 37, Roann 24
Chester 60, Central 25

COUNTY TOURNEY

Chester 63, Lincolnville 31
Chester 62, Chippewa 33
Chester 53, Laketon 29

SECTIONAL TOURNEY

Chester 50, Chippewa 39
Chester 58, Urbana 40
Chester 52, South Whitley 34
Chester 51, Wabash 39

REGIONAL TOURNEY

Chester 48, Kokomo 46
Chester 76, Marion 54

SEMI-FINALS

Portland 65, Chester 54

Softball

The softball team of this year had a very successful season — winning all the games of the season and bringing home the County softball trophy. The success of the season is attributed, mainly, to the very good pitching of Johnny Morferd and the slamming hits of Don Hyde, Dick Piper, and Bob Little; however, the team would have been lost without the other members.

The team went through the tourney with flying colors showing the rest of the schools in the county who had the best team.

No team in the county could equal it in fielding, hitting or pitching. Several members hit well over the .300 mark.

The team was composed mostly of seniors, but under-classmen made up a few of the spokes. We are very proud of the county championship. Our basketball and softball teams, together, have the enviable record of 38 wins in a row. This is a goal for future Panthers to strive for.



Front Row: Bob Snell, Ralph Bollinger, Tom McClure, George Poer, Bob Metzger, Don Mosher, Bob Johnson, Don Hyde, Bob Little, Bruce Pottenger, Lee Dick Reiken, Danny Fulton.

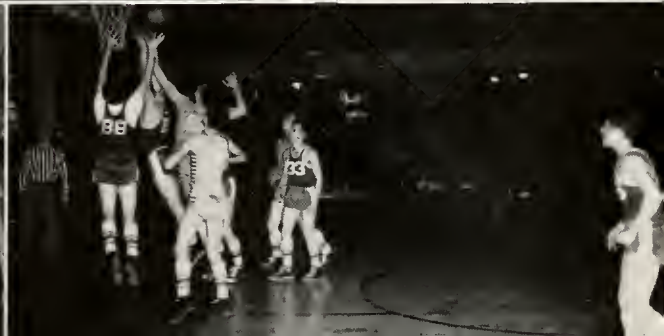
Back Row: Max Richards, Don Brindel, Jim Hammond, June Hanley, Ronald Metzger, Jack Kissinger, John Morford, Dick Piper, Charles Gibbs, Carl Bechtold, Paul Faudree.

SEASON'S RECORD

Chester	6	Urbana	2	Chester	11	Chippewa	8
Chester	19	Roann	3	Chester	30	Lafontaine	10
Chester	11	Somerset	1	COUNTY TOURNEY			
Chester	10	Lincolnvill	0	Chester	10	Lafontaine	2
Chester	8	Laketon	2	Chester	12	Laketon	10
Chester	6	Central	4	Chester	16	Central	2



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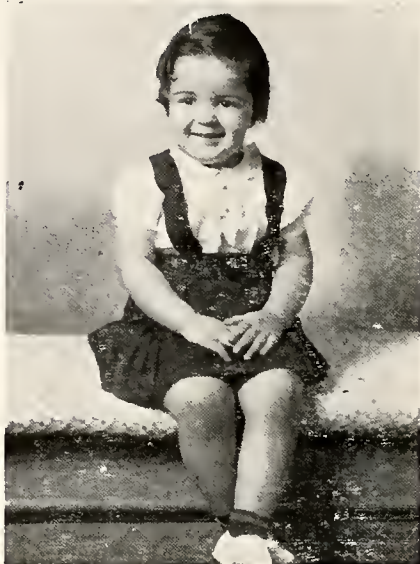
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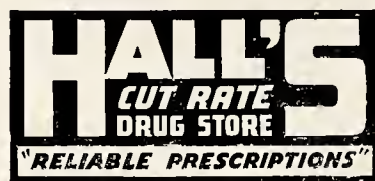
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